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SUBJ: ICAO - COUNCIL MEETING C-O/B 81/20

1. RE: C-WP/5968 (ASSEMBLY PAPER ON COOPERATION RE ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION). COUNCIL COMPLETED CONSIDERATION WHICH RESULTED IN A) REORDERING OF PARAS ON FIRST PAGE; B) REDRAFTING OLD PARAS 1.1 AND 1.2; C) NEW PARA BASED ON BELGIUM'S INSISTENCE INCLUDE MORE SPECIFIC REFERENCE TO FINANCING ASPECT - READS WITH REFERENCE TO REPORT FROM AIG: "THIS SUPPLEMENTAL DOCUMENTATION WILL PERMIT ASSEMBLY, IF IT WISHES, TO EXAMINE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE QUESTION." (UK OPPONENT OF BELGIUM THIS REGARD).

2. RESOLUTION LANGUAGE WORKED OVER WITH RESOLVING CLAUSE BASED ON USSR PROPOSAL: "TO RECOMMEND TO ALL CONTRACTING STATES COOPER-

ATION THROUGH MUTUAL ASSISTANCE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF MAJOR AIRCRAFT ACCIDENTS WITH A VIEW TO COMBING TECHNICAL RESOURCES."

3. RE C-WP/5974 (BELGIUM PROPOSAL TO INCREASE COUNCIL). FEW MINOR QUESTIONS. ITEM WILL BE TABLE FOR SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSION MAY SESSION.

4. ITEM 4 (C-WP/5972 RATES AND FARES ANNUAL SURVEY) TAKEN NEXT.

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NOTED WITHOUT COMMENT.

5. C-WP/5976 (ASSEMBLY PAPER ON U.S. PROPOSAL REGARDING ICAO RELATIONSHIP TO REGIONAL BODIES) PAPER WAS IMMEDIATELY ATTACKED BY NIGERIA AND SENEGAL, WITH SUGGESTION IT SHOULD BE TAKEN OFF ASSEMBLY AGENDA BECAUSE LAST PARA INDICATED PRESENT ARRANGEMENTS "SATISFACTORY." U.S. HAD TO INTERVENE REPEATEDLY TO KEEP ON TRACK. PER INSTRUCTIONS, SUGGESTED A) PAPER GO TO EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE; B) PARAS 9.1 - 9.3 BE REDRAFTED DELETING PREJUDICIAL LANGUAGE; C) REWORDING PARA 10 (ACTION BY ASSEMBLY) TO READ "TO NOTE THE EXISTING RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ICAO AND REGIONAL BODIES PURSUANT TO RES A18-21 WHICH PROVIDES THE NECESSARY GUIDANCE ETC." U.S. ALSO COMPLIMENTED SECRETARIAT ON THOROUGHNESS OF FACTUAL PRESENTATION.

6. AFRICANS SAID COULDN'T ADOPT PAPER UNTIL US PAPER IS FILED. PRES/COUNCIL POINTED OUT THAT U.S. PAPER (OR ANY OTHER ASSEMBLY WORKING PAPERS FILED BY STATES PURSUANT ASSEMBLY ITEM) WOULD NOT COME TO COUNCIL BUT BE CIRCULATED AS ASSEMBLY WP.

7. ECAC STATES ESPECIALLY BELGIUM/FRANCE MADE SPECIAL REFERENCE TO PARA 8.2.1 EXPRESSING SURPRISE AT NUMBER OF PEOPLE AND AMOUNT OF MONEY BEING FURNISHED BY ECAC IN ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE. INDICATED THEY WILL REQUEST WITHDRAWAL SOME OF THESE POSITIONS AND REDUCTION IN ECAC BUDGET AT NEXT MEETING SINCE "THERE IS NO CONTROL OVER THIS SITUATION - ICAO CONSIDERS THEM ECAC EMPLOYEES, ECAC CONSIDERS THEM ASSIGNED TO ICAO".

FYI. WHEN US ASKED HAVE THIS ITEM INCLUDED ASSEMBLY SEC GEN EXPRESSED TO US REP CONCERN THAT ECAC WOULD FIND OUT THAT IT IS REALLY "SUPPORTING" THE ICAO REGIONAL OFFICE. THIS CONCERN ALSO DISCUSSED IN DETAIL BY PRES/COUNCIL DURING WALDMANN VISIT. APPARENTLY ECAC ALREADY NOTING THIS. END FYI. DISCUSSION NOT COMPLETED.

8. NIGERIA/TUNISIA MADE LAST MINUTE EFFORT TO HAVE THIS ITEM SIDETRACKED BY ASKING IT BE TAKEN UP AGAIN BY COUNCIL ONLY AFTER ALL OTHER WORK COMPLETED THIS SESSION. PRES/ COUNCIL INDICATED WOULD HAVE TO COME UP NEXT MEETING.

9. APPEARS AS ITEM 7 ON O/B APRIL 10. HARPER
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